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In the application of

Masanori NAKAHARA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/911,395

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For: INFORMATION EDITING APPARATUS, INFORMATION EDITING METHOD, AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING EDIT IS RECORDED SO AS TO BE READ BY COMPUTER

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

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